Notice of Recommendation on an Application for a Ground Water Discharge Plan Renewal

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) has received a renewal application for an existing Ground Water Discharge Plan for Wharf Resources' (USA), Inc. Juno/Foley Spent Ore Depository at their mining facility in Lawrence County, South Dakota, approximately 3 miles west of Lead, SD. The Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal consists of a ground water quality variance and a ground water discharge permit.

The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is recommending conditional approval of Wharf Resources, Inc.'s, Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal. Conditions of the Ground Water Discharge Plan consist of monitoring well construction, inspection, and abandonment requirements, monitoring and reporting requirements, permitted allowable limits, technical revision authorization, size of the perimeter of operational pollution, the location of compliance monitoring points, post closure requirements and reporting requirements to the Board in certain instances. The detailed conditions of the Ground Water Discharge Plan may be viewed on the Department's public notice webpage at: http://denr.sd.gov/public

Any interested person may file a petition to initiate a contested case and request a hearing on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal and the Department's recommendation pursuant to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota Chapter 74:50:02 within 30 days of publication of this notice. If no petition to initiate a contested case is filed during the 30-day public notice period, the Department's recommendations on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal will become final at the close of this 30-day period.

Any person desiring further information may contact Matt Hicks at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ground Water Quality Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Joe Foss Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, Phone: 605-773-3296; or visit the DENR public notices website at: http://denr.sd.gov/public

In the event a hearing is scheduled, notice is given to individuals with disabilities that the hearing will be held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing.

Hunter Roberts Secretary

Signed on September 28, 2020.

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